

NEW ACT HELPS RESERVE SYSTEM

Four Measures Grouped in One Bill Welcomed by Financiers

Chairman Phelan, of House Committee, Sees Much Practical Benefit

Washington, March 17.—Several measures to increase the efficiency of the Federal Reserve bank system and to assist the national banks were passed at the session of Congress which came to an end last week. It was stated today by Congressman Michael P. Phelan, of Massachusetts, Democrat, chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee, Mr. Phelan succeeded Carter Glass as chairman about three months ago when the latter became Secretary of the Treasury.

Four distinct measures applying to the Federal Reserve system were grouped together in one bill and passed by the Senate and House. Mr. Phelan said in introducing the action taken by the last Congress with respect to the banking business.

The first section of the bill provided for a different application of the earnings of the banks which are members of the reserve system and turning over a greater part of their earnings into the surplus of the banks and less over to the government in the way of a franchise tax. The second section, the purpose of which was to add to the capital and surplus of the Federal Reserve banks, with special reference to the development of foreign trade, by the foreign banks local to the amount of capital and surplus of our banks in measuring their strength.

Competent Men Now Available The restriction in the Federal Reserve act which prohibits various officials of the Treasury Department from holding any office or employment in member bank for a period of two years after they cease to be government officials was removed by Section 2 of this bill, continued Mr. Phelan.

The removal of this restriction was very desirable, and will work out very well. It will make it much easier to obtain very competent men to take places in the Treasury Department which they cannot now afford to take.

Men of very high class cannot now afford to leave places in the Treasury Department to take positions in the Treasury Department which they cannot now afford to take.

Will Aid Victory Loan The passing of the Victory Liberty Loan bill will be made easier through the passage of the third section of this bill, which provides that Federal Reserve Banks may loan to member banks in excess of the 10 per cent limitation upon the paper of a single borrower, provided the loan is secured by Liberty Bonds.

The fourth section makes engraved signatures, as well as other notes, on the form it has been necessary for the president and treasurer of each bank to sign their names with their signatures on the notes right where they are made, the same as on the federal currency, and much labor and time can be saved.

There was one rather important measure with reference to banking that Congress failed to pass. It was a bill to permit national banks to contribute to the United War Fund campaign. President Woodrow Wilson had passed a bill to permit banks to contribute to the Red Cross. The bill to permit banks to contribute to the United War Fund was divided up into the Young Women's Christian Association, Young Men's Christian Association, Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army and Jewish Welfare Board, and the statement was made, but failed in the House on two occasions that it was called up. The banks had arranged to give several million dollars to the fund, but were prevented by the failure of the House to pass the bill.

These were the only measures the banking and currency committee considered, and the only important ones brought to the attention of Congress at the last session.

ELKS AID CRIPPLED HEROES

Vocational Training Arranged for Soldiers, Sailors and Marines

Washington, March 17.—Contribution of \$150,000 by the Elks for relief commission for extension of the work of vocational training disabled soldiers, sailors and marines was announced last night by the federal board for vocational education with the statement that if necessary further financial assistance would be given.

Fifty thousand dollars of the fund will be lent to disabled men so that they may be placed in training immediately with proper maintenance while their compensation award is being determined by the government. As the loan will be repaid, the money can be turned over many times.

Another \$20,000 will be placed at the disposal of the director of the board for use in training disabled men who do not come under the war risk insurance act or the federal vocational rehabilitation act, and therefore cannot receive either compensation or training at government expense. The other \$50,000 will be used in a publicity campaign to advise the men of the training they can receive if they desire.

EARLE WILLIAMS SUEED

Film Actress Asks \$160,000 Balm for Injured Heart

Los Angeles, Cal., March 17.—The legal decks are cleared for the trial of an action brought by Miss Roma Raymond, a brunette motion picture actress, against Earle Williams, motion picture star, for \$160,000 for alleged breach of promise.

BRITISH TROOPS CRUSH RIOTING MOBS IN EGYPT

3000 Natives Rush Railroad Station at Tanta—Nationalist Agitation Is Cause

London, March 17.—(By A. P.)—There has been rioting at Tanta, Egypt, in connection with the disorders which have occurred there during the past week.

On March 12, 3000 natives attempted to rush a railroad station at Tanta, but the attack was met by troops and police and was frustrated. There were some fighting and twenty-two casualties are reported in a Cairo dispatch received here.

Tanta is an important town on the Nile seventy-five miles above Alexandria and in the capital of the province of Gharbiya.

Teutons to Balk on Rhenish State

Continued from Page One In bed until noon yesterday. He received Colonel E. House during the afternoon and with him discussed the military and naval terms of peace, as well as the results of the Brussels conference relative to shipping and the employment of food in Germany.

A dispatch to a despatch to the Mail from Berlin was due to the arrest and deportation of Said Pasha Zaglou, vice president of the legislative assembly, and others.

FOES DISSATISFIED WITH FOOD PROVISION

Berlin, March 17.—(By A. P.)—The average citizen in this city is getting under the provisioning agreement with the Allies.

Bishop Assailed at Conference

Continued from Page One centenary movement. Into the discussion Mr. Oakes looked at Doctor Bickley and said: "There is one thing I could not agree with you on, George."

Gavel's Blow Restores Peace

If Doctor Bickley or any other superintendent believes in carrying on the conference in a peaceful manner, he should stop the conference, and let the gavel do the rest.

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EXPORT NEGOTIATIONS WITH Foe SUSPENDED

Berlin, March 17.—(By A. P.)—The negotiations here between British and German delegates for the delivery by Germany of potash, wood and dyestuffs have ended for the time being with an agreement by Germany to deliver a small quantity of potash to Great Britain the only real achievement.

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JAPANESE CRUEL TO YANKS, CHARGE

U. S. Service Men Abused at Tientsin and Consul Stoned

SITUATION WAS TENSE Regular Infantrymen, Not Marines, Now Said to Have Been Involved

By the Associated Press Peking, March 14 (delayed).—Although early reports from Tien-Tsin suggested that American marines were to blame for the recent disorders there, later reports seem to show that the Japanese were also at fault.

It is contended that Japanese military guards entered the French concession and there seized two Americans, and when American officials inquired of the Japanese police authorities if any Americans were being detained, they were given a negative answer according to a report. Later American officials found two Americans in a police station, one of them lying almost naked in the yard, calling for water.

The Japanese were induced to send the injured man to a hospital and an American consul refused to leave the station until the other man, a corporal, had been released. This demand was met by the Japanese.

When the American marines entered the Japanese concession they are reported to have attacked a visitor.

On Thursday evening American planes were entering a moving picture theatre in the French concession here were attacked by a crowd of Japanese armed with sticks. They managed to enter the theatre, the proprietor of which telephoned to the French police, who dispersed the Japanese.

The situation at Tientsin is said to be tense. The matter has been referred to the French legation here.

Washington, March 17.—(By A. P.)—Minister Reinach, in Peking, advised the State Department today that all was quiet in Tien-Tsin, where there was a trouble last week between American soldiers and Japanese, and that he was sending a full report of the incident by mail.

World Now in a Crisis

"The country and world are now in a crisis," said the speaker, "and there is a something that breeds discontent that we have to meet, and have to meet on a spiritual basis. The maladjusted world is not always settled things. I am a Christian man and desire to be a peaceful man and preacher. I would like to see the world in a peaceful state, but I believe that the world is now in a crisis."

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Plan to Equalize Expenses Consideration was given to plans to equalize the expenses of attending the annual conference. It was pointed out that ministers from the poorest churches usually came from the farthest distances to attend, and therefore were put to the heaviest expense, though least able to bear it.

Thanks of the conference were extended to William H. Peace, an attorney, at the request of the Rev. Dr. Charles W. Straw, superintendent of the Northern District, for legal aid in effecting the transfer of the Orthodox Street Church, this is which has been vested in the City Missionary and Church Extension Society.

A committee of five was appointed to prepare plans for the 15th annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at Fourth and Vine streets. This is the oldest Methodist church in the United States, and it was held the first Methodist Episcopal conference in 1773.

Cordial greetings were received this morning from the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The message was read to the ministers. By vote the conference granted a year's leave of absence to the Rev. Frank E. Graeff, of Cheltenham, who reported that he is in poor health and needs the time to rest.

Resolutions commending President Wilson for the appointment of William Allen White as a commissioner to Russia were adopted unanimously by the conference.

Herron Appointment Condemned The appointment of George D. Herron on the commission was condemned, as it was contended his domestic relations indicated his inability to represent the people of the United States.

The resolution was signed by the following ministers: The Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Gehrett, the Rev. Dr. C. W. Straw, the Rev. Dr. John G. Wilson, the Rev. Dr. George W. Henson and Dr. Bickley Burns.

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"You've not giving me a square deal," Bishop Berry sprang to his feet and rapped the desk sharply with his gavel.

"I want to tell you, Bishop, I never wore the carpet of your office out like some other men who went there. I never visited your office daily, did I? I never tarnished your office doorknob turning it, did I?"

"Bishop, you know this is not a square deal. The crux of the matter is this: Oakes has hit the bull's eye, as my brethren well know, and Mr. Bishop, believe me, the ball is still ringing in my ears."

Bishop Berry continued to pound for order, and Mr. McKenty finally sat down.

Bolehevism Precipitates Argument Bolehevism precipitated a hot discussion at this morning's session.

It is referred to an alleged apparent apology for Bolehevism by the Rev. Dr. Harry E. Ward, of Union Theological Seminary, New York. The resolution was adopted only after it had been talked over at length by the members of the conference.

The resolution was as follows: "Whereas, the Philadelphia Annual Conference, in adopting the report of the Commission on Social Services, has placed itself on record as opposed to Bolehevism, and

"Whereas, the Methodist Federation for Social Service, through its secretary, Prof. Harry F. Ward, of Union Theological Seminary, appears to be carrying on propaganda for this un-Christian and un-American teaching; therefore be it the officers of the federation against such apologies going out under the name of a denominational organization.

"Resolved, that we commend the editor of the Christian Advocate for exposing the danger and sophistry of this propaganda and urge all our church papers to join in opposing the apology for teachings and practices which are a reproach to the state, the home and the country."

Another speaker on the resolution was the Rev. J. J. Bingham, who served for a time as a Y. M. C. A. worker in France. He said the Methodist Church should go cautiously and not "permit any Methodist organization to apparently foster or apologize for this movement."

Doctor Bickley, speaking on the resolution, said: "I don't think any minister in this country wants to stand for the things imputed to Bolehevism in Russia." Turning to Mr. Oakes, Doctor Bickley said:

"I am afraid what comes out in cold print of what you said will be interpreted as placing you in favor of Bolehevism."

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